

Movie Synopsis/Review: ***Deep Impact***

MPAA Rating: PG-13

Year of release: 1998

Time: 120 minutes

Cast: Tea Leoni, Morgan Freeman, Elijah Wood, Robert Duvall, Vanessa Redgrave, Maximilian Shell, Blair Underwood

Synopsis: A Sci-Fi drama depicting the social and political implications as well as personal crises related to an impending extinction level event—a Manhattan-sized comet headed for the Earth.

“In classic disaster fashion, "Deep Impact" surrounds Jenny (Tea Leoni) with a colorful assortment of fellow worriers. Morgan Freeman makes a fine president of the United States, with a thoughtful manner and just the right reassuring television presence. (He dresses casually for telling the American public the absolute worst comet news.) Vanessa Redgrave and Maximilian Schell are Jenny's glamorous, estranged parents.

Leelee Sobieski is Leo Biederman's sweetheart, and the film actually finds a way for them to marry and have a baby without having sex.

At the helm of the astronauts' mission to land on and deflect the comet is a tough but reassuring Robert Duvall.

The special effects are elaborate but relatively brief, featuring gaseous comet close-ups and an impressive tidal wave.”*

*Janet Maslin, “The New York Times on the Web: Current Film”

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/film/050898deep-film-review.html>

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